

Gallaudet Fact—

Q: Aside from "Ole Jim," which is well known for its indoor swimming pool, what other building on campus housed a pool early in history?

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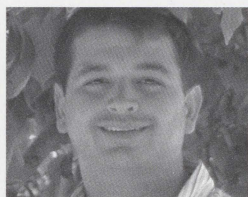


Taking a close look at the 16 KDES honorees at the June 6 Recognition Day, Fred Beam read conflicting emotions on their faces. Beam, executive director of Invisible Hands, Inc., which promotes deaf awareness through the performing arts, and director of the deaf dance companies The Wild Zappers and The National Deaf Dance Theater, was selected by the honorees to be the guest speaker for the special event, where they were presented certificates for completing the school's academic requirements. He surmised that some of the honorees were sad to move away from the special bonds they held with their classmates and teachers, some were excited to embrace the new challenges awaiting them in high school, others were filled with pride in their success, and perhaps

many were experiencing all three of these sentiments. While emotions come and go, said Beam, "The most important thing is that your education is foremost and it will stay in your heart and mind." He reminded the honorees that they have two hearts—their own, and the one they share with KDES for the learning and the memories cultivated over the years. "Both will lead you to your future," said Beam. "Never forget where you came from—KDES." This year's honorees, and the recipients of special awards that were announced during the program, were (from left): front row—Navarro Hall, James Carter, Robert Hardy (Elizabeth Jackson Award), DeJon McCutcheon (Wildcat Award), Timothy Martin (Wildcat Award), Ishak Trad; back row—Jourdan Carrington, Karina Martin (Kendall Home School Organization Bond, Malcolm Norwood and Wildcat awards), Shanquaila Barclift, Zamica Gage, LaQuita Ford, Renee Glanville (Kendall School Cup, Wildcat Award), Diane Hillard (Kendall School Cup), Lark McNamara (Linwood Smith, Wildcat awards), Marquita Whitfield (Kendall Home School Organization Bond), and Christopher Kiskinis-Warmack (Wildcat Award).



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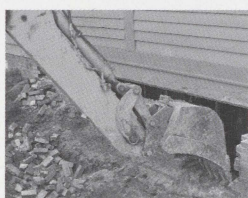
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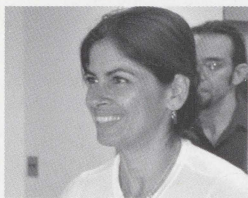


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President Jordan garners national award

President Jordan is the recipient of the 2006 National Jefferson Award for Greatest Public Service Benefiting the Disadvantaged. He was recognized during a June 20 gala held in the East Hall of Union Station.

According to organizers, Dr. Jordan garnered the prestigious honor not only for his advocacy in support of deaf and disability issues, but also for being a proponent of quality higher education. His leadership has heightened public awareness of the important educational contributions Gallaudet makes to the nation and the world. He serves as an international spokesperson for deaf and hard of hearing people, as well as an advocate for all people with disabilities.

Other recipients include: U.S. Senator John Heinz Award, Greatest Public Service by an Elected or Appointed Official—Representative John Lewis (D-Ga.); S. Roger Horchow Award, Greatest

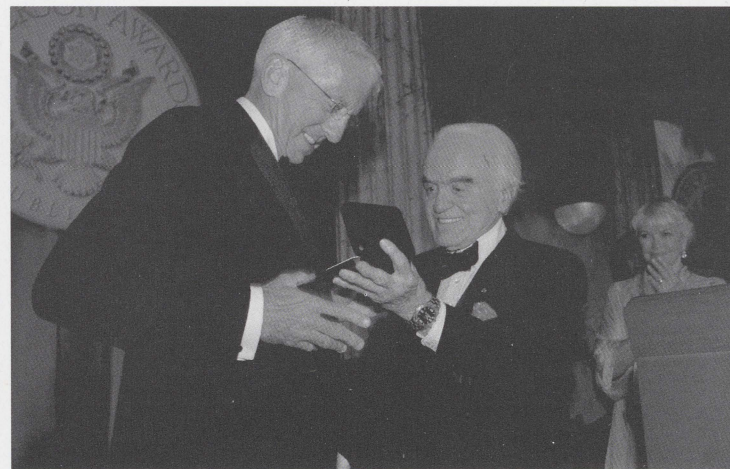


Photo by Clyde Leonard

President Jordan receives the 2006 National Jefferson Award for Greatest Public Service Benefiting the Disadvantaged from Jack Valenti, former head of the Motion Picture Association of America and a Jefferson Awards board member.

Public Service by a Private Citizen—Michael Feinberg and David Levin; Samuel S. Beard Award, Greatest Public Service by an Individual 35 Years or Under—Peyton Manning.

Established in 1972 by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Senator Robert Taft, Jr., and Sam Beard, the Jefferson Awards is considered the "Nobel

Prize for public and community service." The awards are presented on two levels: national and local. National award recipients represent a "Who's Who" of outstanding Americans. On the local level, Jefferson Awards recipients are ordinary people who do extraordinary things without expectation of recognition or reward. ■

MSSD's Class of 2006 encouraged to 'raise the bar' at 36th annual Commencement ceremony



Claudia Gordon, an attorney for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and a member of the Clerc Center National Mission Advisory Panel, was graduation speaker.

At the MSSD Commencement exercises on June 9, leaders, role models, and peers urged the 49 graduates to be ambitious as they continued on from high school.

In her opening remarks, Clerc Center Dean Katherine Jankowski called upon the students to continue their accomplishments. "After all, you need to live up to your [class] motto: Born to win." President Jordan also extended his congratulations to the graduates. He was there, he said, to "share in your joy."

Commencement speaker Claudia Gordon, an attorney for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and a member of the

Clerc Center National Mission Advisory Panel, continued with the theme of setting high goals. She encouraged the graduates with stories of her own trials and successes as a deaf woman growing up.

Born in Jamaica, Gordon lost her hearing at age 8 and was subsequently pulled out of school. Her mother then sent her to a school for deaf students in the United States. Gordon went on to become successful in many ways, including becoming the country's first deaf African American female attorney. Whether she was modeling for Ralph Lauren, working in a law firm, or serving a nonprofit organization like the National Association of the Deaf, Gordon said that she always

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Board of Trustees update

Plans underway for board retreat, discussions on governance issues and leadership transition process

(Note: The following message to the campus community was sent in a June 20 email from Dr. Brenda Brueggemann, acting chair of the Board of Trustees.)

"Last week, I was in town attending the Society for Disability Conference (SDS), which was held in Bethesda, Md. This year's SDS conference received support from Gallaudet University and it featured a strand of sessions and discussions on the relationship between deaf studies and disability studies and between disability identities and d/Deaf identities. I had the great honor of sharing a plenary session on these relationships with Dr. Yarker Andersson (Gallaudet University) and Dr. Sue Schweick (Berkeley).

"While in town for this conference, I also spent some time at Gallaudet and met with President I. King Jordan, President-designate Jane Fernandes, and Board Liaison Parti Kunkle. We met not only to shape an agenda for a sum-

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Administration & Finance

A&F summer internship

Administration and Finance (A&F) has always encouraged students to apply for summer jobs in various departments within the division. This year, A&F went a step farther and established a summer internship, with a focus on business and accounting.

The internship was suggested by Sharrell McCaskill, director, Equal Opportunity Programs, who previously worked in the Career Center. McCaskill, who is familiar with how difficult it is for students to find summer jobs, acted as the liaison between the Career Center and the Office of the Vice President, A&F, to establish the criteria for the internship. The internship was advertised and several very qualified students were interviewed. The student selected for the internship was David Farias.

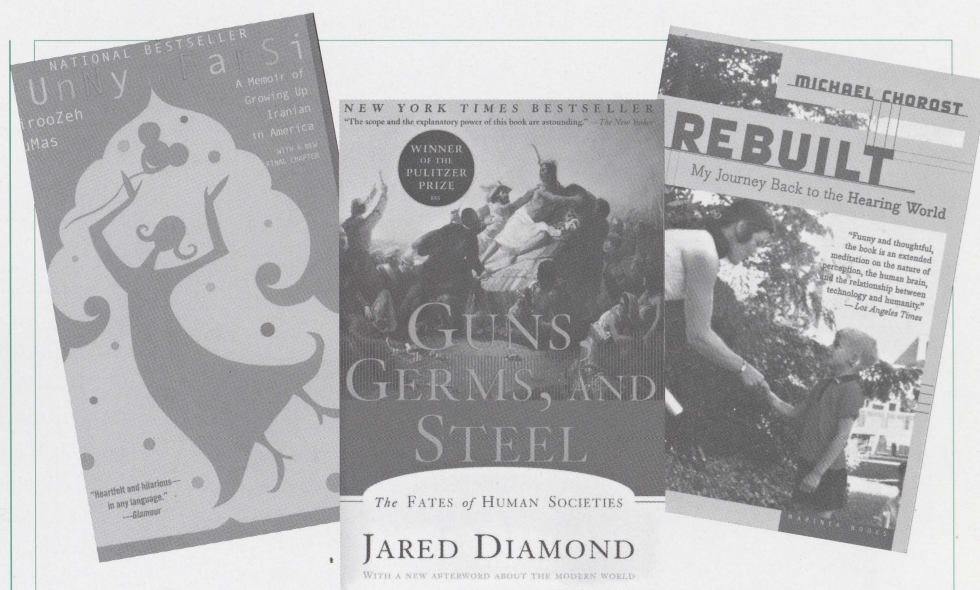
Farias, a senior majoring in accounting and business administration, has been on the dean's list for the past four years. He expects to graduate in May 2007 and then study for the certified public accountant exam. Last summer, Farias had an internship in the Credit Support Department at SunTrust Banks, Inc., where he handled the synchronization of two data systems within the department. This summer he will work with various departments within A&F—Office of the Assistant Treasurer, Student Financial Services, Human Resources Services, Risk Management and Insurance, and the Bison Shop—to gain a better understanding of the detailed and diverse functions of each office.

In addition to his studies, Farias has been active on campus, participating in the Christmas in April community service project, serving as vice president and president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, writer for *The Buff and Blue*, volunteer income tax assistant, treasurer and president of Kappa Gamma Fraternity, and captain of the varsity basketball team.

A&F is pleased to have Farias for the summer and anticipates offering more internships during the 2007 spring semester and thereafter. ■



David Farias



Every year, the University community is provided an ideal opportunity to come together and interact by reading a book chosen by the First Year Experience and discussing its themes. The book for the 2006-2007 academic year is *Funny in Farsi: A Memoir of Growing Up Iranian in America*, by Firoozeh Dumas. It was selected because its themes of identity, culture shock, and family support reflect the parallel experiences of first-year college students. During New Student Orientation and throughout the school year, discussions and events will be planned around the book, including a campus presentation and book signing by the author on October 30. The entire campus is encouraged to read *Funny in Farsi*. It can be found in the Library, online at the Library's website, and soon in the Bookstore. Another campus reading opportunity is offered by the Honors Program, which has selected two titles this summer: the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Guns, Germs, and Steel*, by Jared Diamond, and *Rebuilt: How Becoming Part Computer Made Me More Human*, by Michael Chorost. In his book, Diamond puts forth the theory that the early predominance of Europeans was not the result of some innate racial superiority, but a case of being in the right place at the right time. *Guns, Germs, and Steel* relates to one of the first-year fall Honors courses, an interdisciplinary course of biology and rhetoric on race, civilization, and similar issues. Chorost's book is a scientific memoir of getting a cochlear implant after going deaf. He combines readable science, engaging human interest, and large philosophical questions such as what it means to be human. The author will visit the campus in the fall as a Schaefer Distinguished Speaker. Geoff Whitebread, interim assistant director of the Honors Program, is working with Campus Life to discuss *Rebuilt*, along with books representing other perspectives on deaf life. Right now, for example, they are looking at Paddy Ladd's *Deafhood*.

Personnel Notes

Service awards for May

Five years:

Christian Burke, technical support specialist, Admissions; **Christene Geraty**, staff residential assistant team leader, Residence Life; **Alex Jones**, residential educator, Residence Education, Clerc Center; **Thomas Murray**, storeroom helper, Systems and Operations; **Maria Petrova-Margason**, academic systems engineer, Client and Multimedia Services; **Justin Shaw**, financial aid advisor, Financial Aid

Ten years:

Felicia Davis, administrative secretary, Physical Education and Recreation; **Brad Smith**, supervisor, community policing, Department of Public Safety

Fifteen years:

Susan Flanigan, coordinator, marketing/PR, Publications and Information Dissemination, Clerc Center

Twenty years:

Linda Alexander, director, collection management, University Library Information Services; **Judith Giannotti**, English teacher/research, MSSD; **Gail Solit**, coordinator, Early Childhood Programs, KDES Principal's Office

Twenty-five years:

Sandra Fox, circulation technician, University Library Information Services; **Thomas Jones**, professor, Education; **James Mahshie**, professor/chair, Hearing, Speech, and Language Sciences

Thirty-five years:

Howard Egan, professor, Math and Computer Science; **Robert Zambrano**, professor, English

New employees hired in May

Emily Casteel, coordinator, recruitment and special programs, Gallaudet Interpreting Service; **Tommy Farr**, administrative secretary, Social Work; **Paul Filiatreault**, production specialist, TV and Media Production Services; **Rafael Fortiz**, mechanic, Maintenance Services; **Kenneth Hall**, locksmith, Systems and Operations; **Angela Hooper**, dispatcher/customer service representative, Department of Public Safety; **Kidist Lemma**, custodian, Custodial Services; **Kelly Orsi**, staff residential assistant, Residence Life; **James Pope**, video relay service (VRS) interpreter I, Gallaudet Interpreting Service-VRS; **John Scotton**, security administrator, Networks and Communications; **Matthew Terry**, scheduler/interpreter, Gallaudet Interpreting Service; **Jaron Whitehurst**, VRS interpreter I, Gallaudet Interpreting Service-VRS

Promotions in May

Meloyde Batten-Mickens, executive director of facilities, Business Services; **Julia Cross**, VRS interpreter I, Gallaudet Interpreting Service-VRS; **Richard Jones**, Help Desk analyst, Client and Multimedia Services

Retirements in May

Monica Charris, Custodial Services; **Scott Liddell**, Department of Linguistics; **Edward Washington**, Transportation

BOT update

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mer board retreat, but also to discuss general board governance issues and to plan for leadership transition.

"At this meeting, we invited the Association of Governing Boards for Colleges and Universities (AGB) President Rick Legon, and facilitator E.B. Wilson to join us and assist with a continued discussion about enhancing our board governance system and structure. We are focused on ways to follow up on the issues raised during the board's meeting with campus constituencies in May, while continuing to operate at the levels of strategic oversight and high policy, as

is the usual role of a university Board of Trustees.

"The board, President Jordan, and President-designate Fernandes—in collaboration with the AGB leaders—will plan for and participate in a board retreat (to be held later this summer) that will focus, in large part, on board and institutional governance issues while also taking up the leadership transition process.

"We are working diligently to make our Board of Trustees stronger. As we move ahead in the coming weeks and months, you will be kept updated on progress made and plans for engaging the community in next steps." ■

Gallaudet Fact—

A. Fowler Hall, which was built in 1918 and used to be the women's residence hall, had a swimming pool in the basement for the female students.

(Facts from the "Gallaudet University Lincoln Circle Walking Tour" published by the Office of Public Relations)

Going, Going, Gone!

FOR SALE: Ikea toddler bed, light wood head/foot boards, good mattress, \$25/offer-cash/money order.
Contact: jillhendricksporco@hotmail.com.

FOR RENT: Basement apt. w/private garden, Bethesda, Md., furnished, W/D, separate entrance, wood floors, maid service, DishTV, FiOS high-speed broadband service; \$1,295/mo.
Contact: michaelzamba@yahoo.com.

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Send it to: aunt.sophie@gallaudet.edu

Clerc Center Happenings

National Honor Society opens chapter at MSSD

By Matthew Winslow

Fifteen MSSD students were sworn into the National Honor Society (NHS) on June 5 in a ceremony held at the Kellogg Conference Hotel. The occasion marked the initiation of MSSD into the society as well.

The NHS confers membership upon students who have proven themselves in the areas of academics, leadership, service, and personal character. Students selected to join the NHS are privileged to include this membership among their future credentials when applying to colleges and job programs. "I feel our students could really benefit from being a part of the National Honor Society," said Daniel Dukes, MSSD's Honors Program coordinator and chapter advisor for the NHS. "This gives them the opportunity to become members of a prestigious and valued national organization, and perhaps could be of benefit when competing for college admissions and scholarships."

For some of the inductees, however, the honor of being selected for the society is a reward in itself. "I'm very grateful," said senior Akua Aboagye. "It's a great honor for them to recognize my achievements."

Students aren't the only ones grateful to see the NHS at MSSD, however. Dukes hopes that the presence of NHS on campus will have a positive effect on the academic success of all students. "We want a way to reward students for their hard work, academic success, and strong character," he remarked. "Our hope is

that many students will strive hard to meet the criteria for membership in NHS in future years."

Striving for excellence proved to be the theme of the evening. In her opening remarks, Clerc Center Dean Katherine Jankowski encouraged students to surpass expectations. "You should always want to exceed 'good enough,'" she said. "'Good enough' will not take you places in life; that's why you are members of the National Honor Society."

Parents were delighted to share in their children's success. "My mom was really surprised," related inductee Munkhsaruul Jargalsaikhan, a junior, about how his parents received the news of his selection for the society. "I told her how I was selected, and she was very happy."

Other new members of the MSSD NHS chapter are: Amanda Algabi (senior), Alicia Balzer (junior), Eileen Borges (senior), Carl Borsotti (senior), Marie D'angelo (senior), Suzette Evringham (senior), Seth Gore (senior), Sentayehu Kifle (senior), Sarah Martin (senior), Alice Obeng (senior), Tommy Offenburger (junior), Earnest Sigamoney (senior), and Fang Yang (senior).

(Matthew Winslow is serving an internship in the Clerc Center's Department of Publications and Information Dissemination as writer/editor.) ■



Gallaudet University hosted for the first time the D.C. Area Study Abroad Advisors meeting on May 5. The organization meets every semester to discuss and exchange ideas on how to best serve students and faculty participating in study abroad programs. Center for Academic Programs and Students Services Associate Dean Eileen Matthews and Office of International Programs and Services Director 'Bunmi Aina welcomed the attendees. Participants and interpreters are: (from left) front row—Jennifer Kaika, Gallaudet Interpreting Service interpreter, Magdalena Chica-Garzon, Georgetown University, Karen Grosso, Georgetown University, Sylvia Mitterndorfer, Georgetown University, Paz Magat, Catholic University, Carolyn Baum, George Mason University, Caroline Donovan White, George Washington University-Elliott School of International Affairs, Larry Musa, Gallaudet University; middle row—Kari Miller, American University, Melissa Elliotte, Arcadia University, Jason Sanderson, Georgetown University, Jennifer Bookbinder, George Mason University, Betty Aikens (partially hidden), Howard University, Misty Hensley-McGaffey, George Mason University; back row—Mark Morrison, Gallaudet Interpreting Service interpreter, Heather Hughes, George Washington University, Victor Betancourt, Marymount University, and Ethan Merritt, American University.

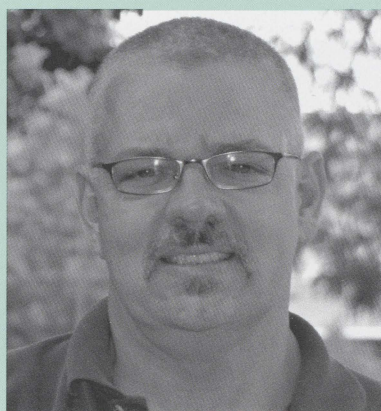
Among Ourselves

Dr. David Martin, professor/dean emeritus, was presented the Community Advocacy Award by the Willie Ross School for the Deaf of Longmeadow and East Longmeadow, Mass., at the June 14 annual meeting of its Board of Trustees and Awards Dinner. Martin, a member of the school's National Advisory Council for a number of years, recently guided the school's professional staff in the alignment of its English/language arts curriculum with the Massachusetts Department of Education's Curriculum Frameworks. The school also recognized him as an international leader in deaf education and for his significant and valuable contributions in both practice and in published work.

"Video Remote Interpreting ... It's a Good Thing," an article by Gallaudet Interpreting Service interpreter Mary Lightfoot, appeared in the June issue of *Views*, a monthly publication of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID). The article addresses the positive aspects of the increasingly popular video remote interpreting, such as the lack of federal regulations to mandate its use; and the challenges it presents, such as the absence of professional guidelines for this type of interpreting. Lightfoot is chair of the RID Video Interpreting Committee.

Roving Reporter

What does the Fourth of July mean to you?



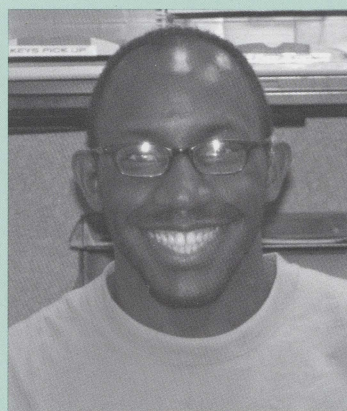
This is when we celebrate the day that America was "born" and wish it a happy birthday! It's also a day to feel thankful for our freedom.

Johnston Grindstaff, chair,
Art Department



I'm not an American, so it's more about observing how Americans celebrate this important day in American history. I like going to see fireworks on the [National] Mall and going to barbecues.

Martina Smidova, graduate student



It's a reminder of how far we've come in having freedom and the ability for each of us to reach our potential.

Taye Akinola, undergraduate
student



I'm the mother of three boys, so the Fourth of July is an opportunity to play. We stay outside all day, and never miss the fireworks. We especially like to go to Gravelly Point Park [Arlington, Va.] where we can watch the fireworks and the planes taking off and coming into the [Reagan National] airport.

Cindy Officer, academic support
services counselor

Update on renovation of the Peikoff Alumni House ("Ole Jim")

By Sam Sonnenstrahl

It has been a while since the announcement was made about the renovation of the Peikoff Alumni House ("Ole Jim").

The renovation architects for the project prepared Gallaudet to face the unknown as the walls in "Ole Jim" were removed and intensive inspections took place. As unexpected situations surfaced, the University investigated solutions and moved forward in the best interest of the building. Every decision took into consideration the design, schedule, and cost impact.

The renovation process is more complex than constructing a new building. For example, it was discovered that the original foundation could not support the expanded room in the basement for air conditioning and heating. The original 1881 blueprint did not show much about the foundation. It was later found out that one part of the foundation is three feet deep and elsewhere it is five feet deep. Concrete is being added under the existing foundation. The process takes more than a month to complete as it has to be done area by area. The construction crew is forced to dig under the

foundation and pour concrete, and then the concrete must cure before the next section can be done. This will continue until the entire foundation is reinforced.

Recently, another major issue arose. Upon inspection, it was found that the outside wood siding on the upper level is dry and warped and is generally in poor condition. It is not cost effective to patch the existing siding. Therefore, the decision was made to replace all external siding. Also, the structural beams which support the roof are dry and rotten and will need to be replaced.

The upper level will be almost completely redone. Currently, crews are working on the upper level on the northeast side of the building. They have removed the internal and external wood siding, making it possible to see inside the upper level from outside. It is bare inside.

The old interior walls and air ducts on the first floor have been removed. Seven original wooden posts from the post and beam construction are still in place. One post has been replaced (it had been removed to make space for the conference room during the 1982 renovation). The replacement post is steel wrapped in wood so that it appears similar to the original ones from the 19th century.



Wood panels were removed from the exterior wall in the northeast corner of "Ole Jim."

Seventy-five percent of the electrical work on the first floor has been completed.

When the first floor concrete was removed, it afforded an opportunity to see a portion of the famous swimming pool. What a pleasant surprise that was! The construction crew dug in one area and revealed four layers of brick and concrete. A three-foot by three-foot area of the pool will be left open and glass will be placed in the floor to showcase the pool (without water, of course!) when the

restoration is complete.

The renovation is undergoing a critical phase. Because of this, status meetings led by Gallaudet Architect Mickey Fields are conducted on a weekly basis.

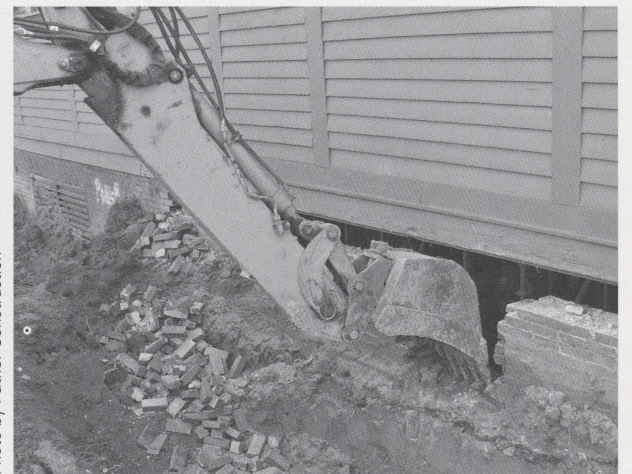
Gallaudet is confident that the renovated "Ole Jim" will be a place where its community can be extremely proud to visit and call home. The goal remains to have the building ready in time for the 2006 Homecoming on the weekend of October 21. ■



The old cement floor where the swimming pool used to be became debris.



Interior wood slats that were no longer good were removed from the wall next to the well known chimney.



A backhoe went to work removing bricks from the north side of the building.

MSSD graduation

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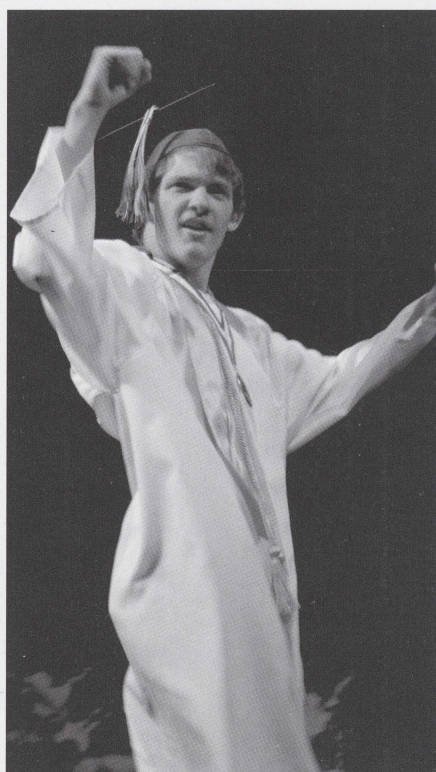
sought to raise the bar. "What you've accomplished today, your graduation, is incredible; but don't rest on your laurels," she said to the graduates. "The world is waiting for you and your contribution."

Principal Myra Yanke introduced the 2006 class speakers, Mary D'Angelo and Carl Borsotti. D'Angelo used a famous saying to spur her fellow students into action. "Take risks: If you win, you will be happy; if you lose, you will be wise," she said. Borsotti expressed his belief in his classmates' preparation for adult life, musing, "After graduation, I'm sure we'll all be out there on Florida Avenue saying, 'Hello world, we are ready!'"

Suzette Evringham was chosen to receive the Peter B. Hobbs Memorial Award of \$1,500. The award, named in honor of the first principal of MSSD, is given annually to a student who, among other criteria, shows outstanding academics and citizenship.

Graduates Damian Burt and Yusley Ramirez each signed a poem that they had written for the occasion. Their poems, "The Twelve Droplets" and "Four Eagles; One MSSD," respectively, commemorated their experiences at MSSD and described their anticipation at entering the adult world.

Other distinctions went to five students who received a special merit diploma for satisfying certain requirements above those of the standard diploma and eight who were inducted into the National Honor Society (see article on page 3). Seth Jimmy Gore and Alice Obeng were named valedictorian and salutatorian of the class, respectively. ■



Seth Jimmy Gore (above), valedictorian of MSSD's Class of 2006, triumphantly walks across the stage. Alice Obeng was salutatorian of the class.



Maria Perdomo, a Gallaudet undergraduate student from Colombia, serves authentic Colombian cuisine to students Bobbi and Scott Henry during a June 16 food sale to benefit a deaf school in Cali, Colombia. The event was one in a series undertaken by students in summer classes led by Dr. Cristina Berdichevsky, an associate professor in the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, to educate the campus about deaf people in Colombia, and to raise funds for the Cali school. (In the background is Danilo Torres, from Colombia, who is taking undergraduate and graduate courses at Gallaudet.)

Correction

A service award photo on page 3 of the June 16 edition of *On the Green* that included President's Office staff listed an incorrect job title for Audrey Young, executive coordinator of operations and events. *OTG* regrets the error.